



Responding to Child Abuse During a Pandemic: 25 Tips for MDTs

Many child protection professionals believe child abuse is likely to increase during the COVID-19 pandemic because most abusers are parents or siblings who now have more complete access to the child victim. In turn, the victim may no longer have schoolteachers, faith leaders or other mandated reporters they can access for help or who may detect a sign of abuse. Children may also have reduced access to medical and mental health providers. In responding to this concern, this presentation provides some tips Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) may wish to employ.

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